

Agency Activity Inventory by Agency

Appropriation Period: 2005-07 Activity Version: Governor Gregoire's 05-07 Proposal

Agency: 050 - Commission On Judicial Conduct

Judicial Conduct Review

The Commission on Judicial Conduct was created by constitutional amendment as an independent agency of the judicial branch of government to review complaints concerning the ethical conduct of judges, state officers, and state employees of the judicial branch. The Commission, an 11-member body composed of jurists, attorneys and representatives of the public, may impose sanctions, recommend disciplinary action, and issue decisions in the interest of both judicial independence and public accountability. Commission activities commence with a complaint from which follows a mandatory process involving four distinct constitutionally required phases: preliminary investigation (96.1 percent of the complaints are resolved at this stage), initial proceedings (2.9 percent); public fact-finding hearing (.5 percent); and Supreme Court review (.5 percent) . The outcome at the end of each stage dictates whether further proceedings are necessary.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Category: Crime response and recovery

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$996,000	\$996,000	\$0	9.5	\$1,026,000	\$1,026,000	\$0	9.5

Expected Results:

Outcome Measure: Number of judicial conduct complaints closed

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
\$358	\$246	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$250

Output Measure: Percentage of judicial conduct investigations closed within six months of receiving the complaint.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
82%	97%	76%	75%	75%	75%